

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or)	
)	CONSENT ORDER OF
Revocation of the Educator Certificate)	
)	VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
of Scott B. Easler)	
)	
Certificate 185477)	

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on March 8, 2005. On April 13, 2004, the State Board summarily suspended the educator certificate of Scott B. Easler based on his arrest for disseminating obscene materials to minors. On April 14, 2004, the State Department of Education (Department) sent a notice letter of the summary suspension and the possible suspension or revocation of Scott B. Easler's educator certificate, on the same grounds. Mr. Easler now has agreed to the voluntary surrender of his certificate. This agreement gives Mr. Easler the right to reapply for certification after March 9, 2008. If he chooses to reapply for certification, Mr. Easler must pass a character and fitness review by the State Board and meet all current certification requirements. After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of Mr. Easler's certificate.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Easler holds a valid South Carolina teaching certificate with six years of teaching experience. During the 2003-2004 school year, Mr. Easler was under contract with Spartanburg County School District Three and was assigned to Pacolet Middle School. Mr. Easler was arrested on March 31, 2004, and charged with disseminating obscene materials to minors. Mr. Easler admitted to sending pictures of his genitalia to two students on a home computer via a web camera.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

“The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person.” S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (1991). The State Board finds that there is substantial evidence to support its decision to accept the voluntary surrender of Mr. Easler’s certificate 193486. At the end of three years from the date of this Order, Mr. Easler may reapply for a teaching certificate by written request to the Office of Teacher Certification at the South Carolina Department of Education. If he chooses to reapply for certification, Mr. Easler must pass a character and fitness review by the State Board and meet all current certification requirements.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Paul M. Forrester
Paul M. Forrester, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
March 8, 2005

I, Scott B. Easler, SC Educator Certificate 185477, do hereby agree to the proposed Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on Tuesday, March 8, 2005.

/S/ Scott B. Easler
Scott B. Easler

2/16/05
Date